

CONVERTED WHILE AT ENCAMPMENT

Virginia Soldiers Made Good Use of Y. M. C. A. Tent—Mr. Coulter Leaves.

The second quarterly meeting of the State executive committee of the Virginia Young Men's Christian Association was held yesterday afternoon in the committee's office in the American National Bank Building. With the following members present: Messrs. F. W. Travers, vice-chairman, Robert M. Smith, Charles J. Willis, R. Richardson, J. M. Williams, of Richmond; Frank Talbot, of Danville; State Secretary L. A. Coulter, and Office Secretary W. Reginald Walker. In the absence of the chairman, Dr. C. W. Kent, who is at present in New York, the vice-chairman presided.

Departure of Mr. Coulter. State Secretary L. A. Coulter submitted his report for the quarter, which contained many interesting items about the association's work in the State. This was the last report of Mr. Coulter, who leaves Virginia in a few days to take up his new work in another State. After touching upon a number of matters of interest to Y. M. C. A. workers he relinquished his present post, saying:

"Again expressing my sincere appreciation to the members of the committee and with the prayer that God's richest blessing shall be given to each one personally, and to the committee in its official capacity, my earnest hope is that a successful year may be speedily found, and that the work in this State, so near to my heart, will move forward with leaps and bounds, with larger results and richer blessings in the lives of the multitudes of young men in this State. As I remove to a distant State, where the work is in a measure in an unsettled condition, and working among strangers, I crave the earnest sympathy and the prayer of faith of you gentlemen, with whom I have been associated in Christian service for the last thirteen years."

Encampment Work. Referring to an interesting phase of association work, the report had this to say:

"The State militia of Virginia was in encampment at Chickamauga Park, Ga., for ten days, and while we realized that some work might be done of a very fruitful character, yet for pressure of time and lack of immediate financial resources, it was thought wise not to undertake the service in behalf of Virginia's men, but, in answer to urgent telegrams and the offer of State Secretary McGill, of Tennessee, to co-operate, I authorized the prosecution of the work, even without consulting members of the committee, since authority was granted by the State committee. The plan was to firming the recommendation of the State committee in its annual report, reading as follows:

"That, if there be in 1908 a summer encampment of the Virginia militia, the committee be authorized to provide suitable forms of association work for the officers and enlisted men."

"While report of work done has not been received, we learn that the Virginia soldiers made good use of the association tent and privileges; more than sixty men took a decided stand for the Christian life."

Stay Longer at the White. HOT SPRINGS, N. Y., August 4.—The proposed trip of Mr. Taft to the Green prior Country Horse Show at White Sulphur Springs has been expanded, to extend from Friday until Sunday. The party will begin the forty-mile drive over the mountains Friday morning, and will remain at the resort until Sunday.

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Sues for Breach of Contract



FOIA LA FOLLETTE. The beautiful daughter of United States Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin. Miss La Follette has just brought suit against the Will the Back Company, Chicago. The suit is based on Miss La Follette's statement that she was engaged to play a role in a production that was never staged, and as a result of which she failed to receive a weekly stipend of \$50. Miss La Follette avers that she was employed for a period of thirty weeks to star in the production.

On Sunday, when the return will be made by train.

CHAMBER TO REORGANIZE. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 4.—A number of representative business and professional men met at a dinner at the Hotel Warwick to-night, and agreed upon a plan of reorganization to be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce. The new plan places the initiation fee at \$50 and the dues at \$24 a year.

Mr. W. T. Dabney, manager of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. U. Umstadter, of Norfolk, president of the State Retail Merchants' Association, were the guests of honor and principal speakers. Mr. Umstadter said that at the next meeting of the Merchants' Association a movement would be launched looking toward a revision of the Virginia license tax laws.

CHICAGO BROKER ARRESTED. CHICAGO, ILL., August 4.—Robert E. Eastman, until last Thursday a broker with offices at No. 33 Wall

Street, New York, was arrested to-night by detectives from the Chicago Central Station. The charge against the prisoner was not revealed, but it was stated that the arrest was made after A. A. Knowles, a vice-president of the Mechanics' National Bank, of Chicago, had come to Chicago with evidence against the man. Mr. Knowles refused to discuss the case to-night, but Eastman asserted that his trouble was due to an overdraft of \$15,000 on the Mechanics' National Bank.

HARRISONBURG WINS. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WOODSTOCK, VA., August 4.—A base on balls and two hits in the ninth inning gave Harrisonburg a victory over the home team here to-day. Neff struck out nine men. Castle struck out six and passed three. Both teams played fine ball.

Summary: Woodstock, 1 run, 2 hits, 3 errors. Harrisonburg, 2 runs, 4 hits, 1 error. Batteries: Castle and Newman; Neff and Batteries.

Navy Tobacco Contract. WASHINGTON, D. C., August 4.—The Navy Department today awarded a contract for 100,000 pounds of tobacco, 35 cents per pound, to the American Tobacco Company of New York.

Probable it will be sent on to the Corporation Court.

Personals and Briefs. Four committee meetings were held last night—Health, Cemetery, Light and Fire. The Fire Committee granted fifteen new building permits. The other bodies transacted only routine business.

The Board of Water Commissioners met in regular session last night. Only routine matters came up for discussion.

The funeral of Mr. William Heller, who died Monday, will be held in St. John's German Evangelical Church in Richmond at 2 o'clock this afternoon. This service was to be conducted yesterday, but was postponed.

The annual picnic of the German School, of Chesterfield county, will be held on Wednesday, August 12th. Mr. Jose Mittendorf will see that the occasion is one well worthy of the school, and a good time is promised to all.

Postmaster Smith has awarded the contract for the delivery of mail to mail boxes and posts in the city to Danley Gallagher. The boxes will be painted green.

A deed recorded on Monday in the clerk's office conveys from Allen N. Pettigrew the two new houses, 40 and 42 Vinton Avenue, to Miss Shields for \$1,000 cash.

Captain A. E. Grimes and his family, accompanied by Miss Alice Sharp, have returned after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in St. Louis, Mo.

Unaccountable Conduct. Apart from the proffered bribe, which was taken out of the pocket of the officer, the police officer, who was taken into custody, was taken into custody, and was taken into custody.

Police Court. When Grossman appeared in the Police Court yesterday morning his case was continued and he was not admitted to bail.

He was sent to jail, with instructions from Mayor Maurice that the prisoner should not be interviewed.

Joseph Weinstein, of Richmond, who owns the building occupied by Grossman, offered to go on the man's bail in court yesterday. The offer was refused.

Grossman is a Russian, who came to this country two years ago, at which time he located in New York. Later he landed in Richmond, and eight months ago went into the grocery business in Manchester. He is possessor of one peculiarly an agent that to him the Mayor's injunction that he shall not be interviewed seems almost unnecessary.

The man, his wife and a one-year-old child constitute the family.

The prisoner has engaged Mr. Harry M. Smith, Jr., as counsel. The case will again be called to-day, when it

BRYAN RIDICULES TAFT IMITATIONS

Says Republicans Copied His Platform, and Now Are Copying His Campaign.

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., August 4.—In striking contrast with yesterday, William J. Bryan today spent a busy day. The torrid weather did not seem to affect those desirous of making the long trip to Fairview. They came in great numbers, some on business bearing on the campaign, and many purely out of a desire to pay their respects. The procession of visitors began early and kept up until well into evening. The intensity of the heat did not seem to disturb Mr. Bryan much. He cordially greeted everybody who called and personally escorted large parties through his home.

The determination of Mr. Bryan to remain at home during the month of October is not as he stated, ironbound. It will all depend on circumstances.

Cory Everything, Says Bryan. The use of the photograph by Candidate Taft as a means for the dissemination of his speeches as reported in the dispatches from Hot Springs, Va., excited the liveliest interest of William J. Bryan, so much so that he gave out the following statement in regard to it:

"The Republican papers have been making fun of me for using the photograph as a means of reaching the public, but since the Republican candidate has followed the example, I presume that the criticism will cease, and that this will now be regarded as a dignified method of discussing public questions. It looks as if the Democrats were going to have a hard time this year protecting their patents from infringement."

"The Republicans seem bent upon imitating not only our platform, but our campaign methods. There is, however, some advantage in the fact that we are setting the pattern this year." Among Mr. Bryan's early callers was Edgar C. Schmidt, of Dayton, O., who called at the request of Harvey C. Garber, national committeeman from Ohio, in reference to a plan to reach the voters in the doubtful States with a series of typewritten letters. Mr. Bryan thought well of the proposition, and Mr. Schmidt left to-day for Chicago, where he will meet Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and talk the matter over with him.

Fusion With Populists. Mr. Bryan was very much pleased over the decision of Secretary of State Junken, confirming the fusion arranged last spring by the Democrats and the People's party. This will have the effect of throwing a large number of Populist votes to the Democratic electors of Nebraska.

A steady stream of visitors called during the day, mostly in the morning. Among them was a gang of brewery workers from Quincy, Ill., who assured the Democratic candidate that their advice indicated that a majority of the brewery workers of America were for him for President. They were introduced by Nicholas Ross, former Republican sheriff of Lancaster county, Neb.

Mr. Bryan also received several farmers from Phillips and Norton counties, Kan. These men stated that four years ago they voted for President Roosevelt, but that this year they would cast their ballots for Mr. Bryan, and that many others in their counties will follow their lead.

A large portion of the afternoon was spent by Mr. Bryan in conference with J. H. A. Grant, national committeeman from Kansas, over the political situation in general and forthcoming speech at Topeka, the latter part of the month. Mr. Atwood reached Lincoln shortly after noon and proceeded immediately to Fairview.

CALL FOR REV. DR. M'DANIEL. Will be Asked to Become Pastor of Wealthy Oklahoma Church. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GUTHRIE, OKLA., August 4.—(Rev. Dr. George W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., will be chosen by the pulp committee appointed to name a successor to Rev. Dr. W. B. Hinson, until recently pastor of White Temple Baptist Church, at Oklahoma City.

Captain J. H. Grant, chairman of the pulp committee, is in correspondence with Dr. McDaniel, but no definite answer has been received. The White Temple has one of the largest and richest congregations in this region. It is generally understood that Rev. E. Ford, acting pastor, will remain assistant pastor.

All efforts to locate Dr. McDaniel last night were fruitless. He has refused several flattering offers to leave the First Church.

PRESIDENT CABRERA RELEASED. 43 POLITICAL PRISONERS. WASHINGTON, D. C., August 4.—Estrado Cabrera, President of Guatemala, has released three political prisoners, according to a dispatch received at the State Department from American Minister Heinke to-day. Of this number thirty-two were Guatemalans, six Hondurans and five Nicaraguans. It is believed that these men were among those who were alleged to

A THOROUGH SPORTSMAN



SIR THOMAS LIPTON, Who has always been a favorite in America, entertained the American athletes royally on his famous yacht Erin.

have been implicated in the several attempts on the life of President Cabrera during the last two years. His action in releasing them will remove a source of some irritation, which has been felt since their arrest and incarceration.

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE. Augusta Seals the Horseshoe Hard. COLUMBIA, S. C., August 4.—Augusta won to-day's game from Columbia by hitting Volz hard and opportunely. The game was replete with dumb plays by both sides. Reagan's finger was split by a grounder in the second inning, and he was replaced by Herman, who pitched a creditable game for an infielder. Coles' batting was a feature.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Augusta.....3 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 6-12 2 Columbia.....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 6-1 1 Batteries—Reagan, Herman and Coles; Volz and Cote. Time, 2:10. Umpire, Truby.

Helms Deals Out Fifth Straight Blank. JACKSONVILLE, FLA., August 4.—Jacksonville and Charleston split even in a double-header to-day. In the first Viola was batted hard and was assisted by five errors by his team mates. The feature of the game was the hitting of Meany and Crotal. Helms held the visitors safe all the way in the second, making it the fifth straight blank out game to his credit.

First game—Score: R. H. E. Jacksonville.....1 2 0 0 0 1 0 0-1 0 Charleston.....0 1 0 1 1 1 0 3-10 1 Batteries—Viola and Roth; Willis and Rolinger. Time, 2:00. Umpire, Latham.

Second game—Score: R. H. E. Jacksonville.....1 2 0 0 0 1 0 0-1 0 Charleston.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 2 Batteries—Helms and Roth; Durrett and Duff. Time, 1:25. Umpire, Latham.

(Seven innings by agreement.) Shea Makes Great Running Catch. SAVANNAH, GA., August 4.—The Savannah Colts played rings around Macon to-day. The game was a good one, with pitching, Shea's sliding and Shea's great running catch of a high fly.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Savannah.....0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0-3 0 Macon.....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-1 4 Batteries—Hoff and Moran; Weems and Robinson. Time, 1:35. Umpire, Buckley.

NEW YORK WINS TWO. NEW YORK, August 4.—The local National League team moved up to second place to-day by winning two games of a double-header from Cincinnati, while Chicago was being whipped by the Philadelphia. The first game went to the twelfth inning, New York getting the winning run with none out. The second game was called at the end of the eighth inning on account of darkness with the score 4 to 1 in favor of the locals.

First game—Score: R. H. E. Cincinnati.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0-2 2 New York.....0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0-1 1 Batteries—Ewing, Coakley and Scholz; McGinnity, Mathewson and Bresnahan. Time, 2:25. Umpires, Rigler and Emslie.

Second game—Score: R. H. E. Cincinnati.....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0-1 4 New York.....0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0-8 1 Batteries—Coakley, Bube and McLean; Mathewson and Bresnahan. Time, 1:20. Umpires, Rigler and Emslie.

Union, S. C. Bank Fails. UNION, S. C., August 4.—The People's Bank of this city closed its doors to-day pending voluntary liquidation. In a statement issued by the president, B. F. Arthur, general depression is the reason assigned for the action. It is said that depositors are fully protected.

odds on. The Sanford horse went to the front soon after the start, and managed to maintain his advantage to the finish, winning in 3 1/4 hard drive for half a length. Royal Tourist was second, two lengths in front of Delirium.

Summaries. First race—handicap for two-year-olds, five and a half furlongs—Medrant (18 to 1) first, Pansy (2 to 1) second, Precursor (1 to 2) show) third. Time, 1:06 1/2.

Second race—for three-year-olds and up, selling, one mile—Pins and Needles (2 to 1) first, Pansy (2 to 1) second, Polly Wagon (1 to 2) show) third. Time, 1:41 2/5.

Third race—for two-year-olds, selling, five and a half furlongs—High Range (8 to 5) first, The Gardner (2 to 1) second, Coyote (1 to 2) show) third. Time, 1:15 1/5.

Fourth race—the Huron Handicap, for three-year-olds, one mile and three-sixteenths—Sir John Johnson (3 to 1) first, Royal Tourist (out, place) second, Delirium (out, show) third. Time, 1:38 2/5.

Fifth race—the Seneca, for three-year-olds, selling, six furlongs—Woodcraft (even) first, Adriatic (3 to 1) second, Gowan (1 to 2) show) third. Time, 1:13 2/5.

Sixth race—maiden, three-year-olds and up, selling, mile—Grammar (4 to 1) first, Pansy (2 to 1) second, Chief Brandt (1 to 2) show) third. Time, 1:41 3/5.

CAROLINA LEAGUE. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 4.—Greene put it on Charlotte again to-day to the tune of a 10-0 victory. Just about such a sorry exhibition of the national game as they did the previous day, Charlotte exhibited three club artists before the tale was told. Drumm opened on the firing line for the Hornets, but his work was so many times so poor that he was

replaced by Redden, who made little improvement. Then Hunter, the centre fielder, was requisitioned, and he did fairly good work, striking out several of the visitors and putting an end to the run-getting. He held the visitors out for the rest of the game, but played good ball and walked away with the Hornets at every turn. Hinton, captain of the Charlotte team, and one-time manager, who distinguished himself by his

skit on the diamond at Greenville with Sweden, has been raised.

The score by innings: R. H. E. Charlotte.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 4 Greenville.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 1 Batteries—Drumm, Redden, Hunter and Sterrill; Hammesley and Walsh.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. A. Mobile—Score by innings: R. H. E. Mobile.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-1 3 1 New Orleans.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 1 Batteries—Recker and Garlin; Stein and Stratton. Time, 1:30. Umpire, Wheeler and Fitzsimmons.

A. Nashville—Score by innings: R. H. E. Nashville.....0 0 0 0 5 0 0 0-5 7 Birmingham.....0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-2 7 Batteries—Hunter and Seaboard; Robertson and Raab. Time, 1:50. Umpire, Carpenter.

Second game—Postponed; rain. Memphis-Little Rock—No game; rain. Montgomery-Atlanta—No game; rain.

TASLEY FAIR OPENS. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] TASLEY FAIR, August 4.—The eleventh annual Penitentiary fair opened at Tasley to-day with an attendance of 4,000. The exhibition is complete.

First race—two-year-olds, trout, purse, \$150—Muda Guy first, Captain Guy second, Time, 1:33 1/2.

Second race—240 trot; purse, \$200—Willows won in straight heats, John White, Meia Dietrich third. Best time, 2:27. Third race—230 pace; purse, \$225—George H. won in straight heats, Nellie Bird second, Sir Henry third. Best time, 2:29.

WORK ON RIVER IS SATISFACTORY. At a meeting of the James River Improvement Committee, composed of members of the City Council, Board of Aldermen and Chamber of Commerce, a most interesting report was read and filed by the City Engineer.

This report shows that the committee has done valuable work in the improvement of the channel of the river, aided in a large degree by the United States Government, supervised by Colonel S. H. Yonge. Of such great importance is this work to the business interest of the city, that the full report of City Engineer Bolling, in the form of a letter addressed to the committee, is printed below:

"In obedience to your resolution passed at your last meeting, I beg to submit the following report, which not only includes the amount of material which has been pumped out of the harbor from January 1st to July 1, 1908, but further information in regard to the present condition of the channel inside the corporate limits:

"First, As stated in the other report, the total quantity of material pumped out of the harbor from January 1st to July 1, 1908, is 13,514 cubic yards. During the month of February, no material was pumped from the harbor on account of the cold weather which forbade the working of the dredge, and also the use of the tug in breaking up ice floes.

"Second, From a sounding taken along the channel on August 3, 1908, it will be seen that we have from the Cedar Works up to Gillies Creek, a depth of channel varying from 19 1/2 feet to 22 1/2 feet. From Gillies Creek to near the east end of the city wharf, we have a depth varying from 17 to 20 1/2 feet. From a short distance from this point to a short distance west of the eastern end of the Old Dominion wharf, the depth runs from 15 to 17 feet, and from that point westward, along and opposite the Dominion wharf, from 15 1/2 to 19 feet. It will be seen from this that there has been a marked improvement in the depth of the channel within the corporate limits of the city of Richmond.

"In a letter of August 1, 1908, United States Assistant Engineer Mr. S. H. Yonge states that the United States government, under acts of Congress, has been steadily at work constructing a channel 125 feet wide from the city line to the lower end of the Virginia MacArthur Company's wharf, and also in the excavation or dredging for a turning basin 600 feet by 400 feet and 22 feet deep, with the purpose of obtaining a channel 18 feet at low water.

"It will be seen, therefore, that the work done by the city and the improvement is beginning to show considerable improvement in the depth of the channel.

"I trust that this work may proceed, and that the time is not far distant when the city will have secured the property on both sides of Lester Street, and along the river front, in order that we may have sufficient area and space for taking the material out of the river and improving the land at the same time. I regret exceedingly that this land was not acquired some years ago, so that the improvement of the land would have followed with the improvement of the river, and the city derive the full benefit of the expenditure of the money on the James River improvement. As it is now, having filled the basin rented from Mr. Burkwyn, we are now dumping from the river into what is known as the Gas House Basin through a long pipeline, and at considerable elevation, necessarily increasing the cost. I attach to this report a table showing the soundings as taken in the main channel (not giving the width of channel) as a record for future comparison."

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Where Thousands Have Been Killed By Storms



Panoramic view of Hong Kong and harbor. Thousands are reported killed in terrific storm which on Monday night last swept over Hong Kong. The typhoon in its loss of life and damage to shipping eclipsed the typhoon of 1906. Damage to property is enormous. Houses and countless trees were uprooted, and steamers driven ashore. In the city numerous houses collapsed, maiming the occupants.

SIR JOHN JOHNSON, DRIVEN HARD, WINS

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 4.—John Sanford's Sir John Johnson won to-day, 13-14 miles, to-day, Sir John Johnson was making his second appearance, and his victory was a big surprise, as the Whitney entry, Royal Tourist, and Delirium were